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INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 9 EMBASSY RECEIVED  
DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM MFA WHICH INVALIDATED 1966 TRAVEL  
RESTRICTIONS AND REPLACED THEM WITH SOMEWHAT  
MORE LIBERAL ONES. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY  
TRANSLATION OF THE NEW DIPLOMATIC NOTE. WE ARE POUCHING  
FIVE COPIES OF ORIGINAL NOTE TO EUR/SOV. SUMMARY OF  
CHANGES IN TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND ANALYSIS FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.  
END SUMMARY.

1. " THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR PRESENTS  
ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MBASSIES IN MOSCOW AND HAS THE  
HONOR TO INFORM THEM THAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING  
THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAVELLING IN THE TERRITORY OF THE  
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USSR BY MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPOS, THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE USSR HAS INTRODUCED CHANGES INTO THE LIST OF CITIES AND  
AREAS CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS. THE LIST, WHICH THE  
MINISTRY ISSUED IN NOTE 60/PR OF JULY 22, 1966,  
AND WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT UP TO NOW, HAS LOST ITS  
FORCE. IN FORWARDING THE NEW LIST, THE MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR REQUESTS THAT THE STAFFS OF THE  
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS USE IT FOR GUIDANCE WHILE  
TRAVELLING IN THE USSR.

2. "THE MINISTRY VALES ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO ALL MISSIONS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. MOSCOW, JANUARY 4, 1978."

3. LIST OF CITIES AND AREAS OF THE USSR, CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS:

- 25 KILOMETER ZONE ALONG THE BORDER WITH NORWAY, FINLAND, TURKEY, IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN;
- RSFSR: CHUKOTSKIY NATIONAL OKRUG - 25 KILOMETER STRIP ALONG THE SEASHORE EAST OF THE AMGUEMA RIVER UP TO THE BORDER OF THE KORYAKSKIY NATIONAL OKRUG;
- KAMCHATSKAYA AND SAKHALINSKAYA BOLAOSTS;
- KHABAROVSKIY KRAY - YEVREYSKAYA AUTONOMOUS OBLAST' AND THE AREA EAST OF THE AMUR AND USSURI RIVERS, EXCLUDING THE CITY OF KHABAROVSK;
- PRIMORSKIY KRAY, EXCLUDING THE CITY OF NAKHODKA AND THE RAIL LINE FROM KHABAROVSK TO NAKHODKA;
- AMURSKAYA AND CHITINSKAYA OBLASTS';
- THE WATER ROUTE ALONG THE BELOMORSK-BALTISK AND VOLGA-BALTIC CANALS, THE YENISEY RIVER, THE LENA RIVER NORTH OF THE CITY OF YAKUTSK, AND LAKE ONEGA (EXCLUDING KIZHI ISLAND AND TRAVEL TO IT FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS BY WATER FROM THE CITY OF PETROZAVODSK);

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- NOVGORADSKAYA OBLAST' - THE AREA BETWEEN THE RAILWAY CHUDOGO-UGLOVKA ON THE EAST AND BOLOGOYE-DNO ON THE SOUTH WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CITIES OF NOVGOROD, VALDAY, STARAYA RUSSA, THE SETTLEMENT OF KRESTSY AND A TRANSIT ROUTE ALONG THE MOSCOW-LENINGRAD HIGHWAY;
- KOMI ASSR - A 50-KILOMETER WIDE AREA ALONG THE RAILWAY BETWEEN VORKUTA AND ZHELEZNODORZHNYI;
- ARKHANGEL'SKAYA OBLAST' - THE SOLOVETSKIYE ISLANDS, PRIMORSKIY RAYON WEST OF THE RIVER SEVERNAYA DVINA, AND A 50-KILOMETER WIDE STRIP ALONG THE ARKHANGEL'SK-KONOSHA RAILROAD EXCLUDING THE CITY OF ARKHANGEL'SK;
- SVERDLOVSKAYA AND GOR'KOVSKAYA OBLASTS;
- PERMSKAYA OBLAST' WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE KOMI-PERMYATSKIY NATIONAL OKRUG, THE TOWN OF BEREZNIKI, AND RAIL ROUTE TO BEREZNIKI VIA THE CITY OF PERM;
- CHELYABINSKAYA OBLAST', WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CITY OF MAGNITOGORSK AND THE AIR ROUTE TO MAGNITOGORSK;
- UDMURTSKAYA ASSR AND MORDOVSKAYA ASSR;
- VOLGOGRADSKAYA OBLAST', EXCEPT FOR THE AREA OUTLINE BY THE TOWN OF VOLZHSKIY (WITHIN THE TOWN'S BOUNDARIES) - THE SETTLEMENT OF SREDNYAYA AKHTUBA - AND THE SOUTHERN TIP OF SARPINSKIY ISLAND;
- ASTRAKHAN'SKAYA OBLAST' - THE AREA EAST OF THE VOLGA RIVER, EXCLUDING THE CITY OF ASTRAKHAN' AND THE AIR ROUTE TO THE CITY OF ASTRAKHAN' (LANDING PERMITTED AT THE AIRPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL

AVIATION)

-MURMANSKAYA OBLAST'-THE AREA WEST OF THE VORON'YA RIVER AND NORTH OF THE LINE KIROVSK-KUOLAYARVI, EXCLUDING THE LEFT BANK OF THE RIVER PATSO-YOKI (PASVIKEL'V) FROM THE BORISOGLEBSK HYDRO-ELECTRIC STATION UP TO BORDER MARKER #218, EXCURSIONS TO THE BORISOGLEBSK HYDROELECTRIC STATION (THE RIGHT BANK OF THE RIVER PATSO-YOKI) FOR VISITS BY TOURISTS FROM SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS THE BORDER POINT UNCLASSIFIED

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BORISOGLEBSK AND THE ROUTES BORISOGLEBSK-NICKEL' (BY CAR), NICKEL'-MURMANSK (RAILWAY) FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS; THE CITY OF MURMANSK AND TRAVEL TO IT BY AIR, LANDING IN THE MURMASHI AIRPORT;  
-LENINGRADSKAYA OBLAST'-THE AREA TO THE WEST OF THE RIVER VOLKHOV WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LENINGRAD, ZELENOGORSK, GATCHINA, VYBORG, PETROKREPOST', LOMONOSOV AND A 30 KILOMETER ZONE AROUND LENINGRAD, A TRANSIT AUTOROUTE ALONG THE HIGHWAYS MOSCOW-LENINGRAD, LENINGRAD-VYBORG - TORFYANOVSKA, LENINGRAD-TALLIN, VYBORG - BRUSNICHNOYE - ISKROVKA-TSVETOCHNOYE-ILISTOYE-PYALLY;  
-MOSKOVSKAYA OBLAST', EXCLUDING MOSCOW, ZAGORSK, DUBNA, DMITROV, SERPUKHOV, OREKHOVO-ZUYEVO, KLIN, SOLNECHOGORSK, ISTRA, ZVENIGOROD, MOZHAYSK, THE VILLAGE OF BORODINO (BORODINO MUSEUM), PUSHCHINO, PRYOKSKO-TERRASNIY STATE RESERVE, VOLOKOLAMSK (VIA TERYAYEVO AND DUBOSEKOVO CROSSING POINT), THE SETTLEMENT OF ABRAMTSEVO, THE VILLAGE OF MURANOVO OF PUSKINSKIY RAYON, SHREMETYEVO AIRPORT, LAKE SENEZHSKOYE (WITHIN SIX KM. RADIUS) AND KRASNOGORSKIY, LENINSKIY, SEREBRYANO-PRUDSKIY, ZARAIISKIY, OZERSKIY AND KASHIRSKIY RAYONS, AS WELL AS: BALASHIKHINSKIY, LYUBERETSKIY AND RAMENSKIY RAYONS WEST OF THE LINE NIKOL'SKOYE-TRUBETSKOYE, BALASHIKHA-KUCHINO-TOMILINO-ZHILINO - RYAZANSKOYE HIGHWAY (NOT OPEN) - IVANOVKA - ZHDANOVSKOYE; DOMODEDOVSKIY, PODOL'SKIY, NAROFOMINSKIY RAYON NORTHWARD FROM THE LINE DOMODEDOVO AIRPORT - VOSTRYAKOVO-SERGEEVKA - KRASNAYA PAKHRA - APRELEVKA; ODINTSOVSKIY RAYON SW OF MINSK HIGHWAY TILL SETTLEMENT GOLITSYNO (INCLUSIVE); ISTRINSKIY RAYON SE OF THE LINE PALITSY-SNEGIRY-KHOVANSKOYE; UNCLASSIFIED

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MYTISHCHINSKIY AND PUSKINSKIY RAYONS BOUNDED BY THE DMITROVSKOYE HIGHWAY - TRUDOVAYA - RAKOVO-ZELENOGRADSKIY - PUSKINSKIY FUR FARM, EXCLUDING THE PESTOVSKOYE, UCHINSKOYE AND PYALOVSKOYE WATER

STORAGE BASINS AND A TWO KILOMETER RADIUS AROUND THEM.

TRANSIT TRAVEL TO OPEN TOWNS AND AREAS OF MOSKOVSKAYA OBLAST' IS PERMITTED: ALONG THE YAROSLAVSKOYE HIGHWAY TO ZAGORSK, MURANOVO (VIA RAKHMANOVO) AND TO THE ABRAMTSEVO MUSEUM (UP TO RYAZANTSY AND FURTHER VIA KUOT'KOVO); THE DMITROVSKOYE HIGHWAY TO DUBNA AND DMITROV, THE SIMFEROPOLSKOYE HIGHWAY TO SERPUKNOV, PUSHCHINO (VIA LIPITSY) AND THE PRIOKSKO-TERRASNIY STATE RESERVE (VIA DANKI);

THE GOR'KOVSKOYE HIGHWAY - TO OREKHOVO - ZNYEVO (VIA MALAYA DUBNA);

THE LENINGRADSKOYE HIGHWAY - TO KLIN, SOLNECHOGORSK, LAKE SENEZHSKOYE AND SHEREMETYEVO AIRPORT.

THE VOLOKILAMSKOYE HIGHWAY - TO ISTRA, VOLSKSLAMSK, TO THE CROSSING POINT DUBSEKOVO (VIA VOLOKOLAMSK) AND THE VILLAGE OF TERYAEVO (VIA MASLENNIKOVO);

THE MINSK HIGHWAY - TO ZVENIGOROD (UP TO GOLITSYN) AND FURTHER ON VIZ ZVENIGORODSKOYE HIGHWAY), MOZHAYSK AND BORODINO ( UNTIL MODENOV, THEN ON THE MOZHAYSKOYE HIGHWAY);

THE KASHIRSKOYE HIGHWAY - TO DOMODEDOVO AIRPORT AND KASHIRSKIY, OZERSKIY, ZARAYSKIY AND SEREBRYANO-PRUDSKIY RAYONS.

TRAVEL IS PERMITTED ON STEAMSHIPS OF THE TOURIST LINE MOSKVA - MOSKOVSKOYE MORYE ALONG THE MOSKVA CANAL TO DUBNA (BOLSHAYA VOLGA STOP);

-VLADIMIRSKAYA OBLAST' - THE AREA SW OF THE LINE ALEKSANDROV - KOSTEREVO;

-KALUZSKAYA OBLAST' - THE AREA NORTH-EAST OF THE TOWNS MALOYAROSLAVLYETS AND TARUSA;  
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-KALININGRADSKAYA OBLAST';

-THE TAMANSKIY PENINSULA - THE AREA LIMITED BY THE LINE TEMRYUK-KRYMSKAYA, EXCLUDING NOVOROSSISK;

-THE CITIES OF MAGADAN, TOMSK, KUYBYSHEV, KRASNOYAVSK, KALININGRAD OF MOSKOVSKAYA OBLAST', ANGARSK, NIKOLAYEVSK-ON-THE AMUR RIVER, OKHOTSK, AMURSK, NOVILSK, DUDINKA, DIKSON, KHATANGA, OMSK, KEM', KIROV, SARATOV;

-ESTONIAN SSR: THE WHOLE TERRITORY EXCLUDING THE CITIES OF TALLIN, KOKHTKA-YAREVE, NARVA, DIRECT RAIL TRANSIT ROUTE TALLIN-LENINGRAD, TALLIN-RIGA, TALLIN-PSKOV VIA TARTU, TRIPS ALONG THE HIGHWAY TALLIN-NARVA-LENINGRAD (NO OVERNIGHT STOPS ENROUTE) TRANSIT TRAVEL BY FOREIGN TOURISTS BY "INTOURIST" MOTOR VEHICLES OVER THE ROUTES: TALLIN- PAYDE - PYARNU- RIGA (WITH STOPS IN PAYDE AND PYARNU), TALLIN - PAYDE - PYLTSAMAA - VILYANDI- PYARNU - RIGA, TALLIN - TARTU - RYAPINA - PECHORY- PSKOV TO VISIT AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN VILYANDI, YYGEVA, PAYDE, PYARNU AND TARTU RAYONS AND OVERNIGHT

IN VILYANDI AND PYARNU; FOREIGN TOURIST TRIPS BY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION FROM TALLIN TO MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, RIGA AND BACK; -LATVIAN SSR: THE WHOLE TERRITORY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RIGA, VENTSPILS, YURMALA AND TRAVEL TO RIGA BY RAIL, SHIP, AIR AND WATER, AND TO VENTSPILS BY SHIP AND RAIL FROM RIGA; THE TOWN OF OGRE WITH THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL BY THE RIGA-MOSCOW RR LINE AND BY "INTOURIST" AUTOTRANSPORT USING THE RIGA-OGRE ROAD THROUGH THE SETTLEMENTS OF SALASPILS (INCLUDING AKADEMGORODOK AND THE SALASPILS MEMORIAL COMPLEX, AND IKSHKILE; THE TOWN OF SIGULDA BY THE RIGA-LENINGRAD RR LINE OR INTOURIST AUTO TRANSPORT USING THE RIGA-PSKOV HIGHWAY OR THE RIGA-INCHUKALIS-RAGANA-TURAIIDA-SIGULDA ROAD WITH A STOP NEAR THE "SENITE" RESTAURANT; UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SETTLEMENT OF SAULKRASTI USING THE RIGA-ALOYA RR LINE WITH THE RIGHT TO STOP AT ALL STATIONS, OR BY "INTOURIST" AUTOTRANSPORT VIA THE RIGA-TALLIN HIGHWAY; -LITHUANIAN SSR: THE WHOLE TERRITORY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VILNIUS AND TRAVEL TO IT BY RAIL AND AIR; DRUSKININKAY AND TRAVEL TO IT BY RAIL OR "INTOURIST" AUTOTRANSPORT FROM VILNIUS VIA PIRCHUPUS; KAUNAS (ONLY FOR FOREIGN SPECIALISTS ARRIVING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE WHO, AND TOURISTS) AND TRAVEL TO IT FROM VILNIUS BY "INTOURIST" AUTOTRANSPORT WITH A ONE DAY STOP IN TRAKAY AND THE VILLAGE OF PRAVENAY; THE DIRECT RAIL TRANSIT ROUTE USING THE GRODNO-VILNIUS-LENGRAD LINE; -UKRAINIAN SSR: VOLYNSKAYA, ROVENSKAYA, LVOVSKAYA, TERNOPOLSKAYA (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ZBOROV, ZBAVAZH, TEREBOVLY, BEREZHANY AND PODVOLOCHISK AND TRAVEL TO THEM BY "INTOURIST" AUTOTRANSPORT), ZAKARPATSKAYA, AND IVANOVO-FRANKOVSKAYA OBLAST'S, AND THE CHIGIRINSKIY RAYON OF CHERKASSKAYA OBLAST', WITH THE EXCEPTION OF L'VOV, UZHGOROD, ROVNO, TERNOPOL AND LUTSK; AUTO TRANSIT ROUTES: UZHGOROD - KACHEVO-STRYY - L'VOV - ROVNO-KORETS; MOSTISKA CHECKPOINT (V. SHEGYNY) - L'VOV; BREST-KOVEL' - LUTSK - ROVNO; KRYMSKAYA OBLAST' - THE AREA EAST OF THE SOLYONOYE LAKE - DZHANKOY - SIMFEROPOL' RAILWAY AND THE SIMFEROPOL'-ALUSHTA HIGHWAY, EXCLUDING DZHANKOY, SIMFEROPOL' AND ALUSHTA; THE CITIES OF DNEPROPETROVSK, NIKOLAYEV, SEVESTOPOL', AND BALAKLAVA; -AZERBAIJAN SSR: NAKHICHEVANSKAYA ASSR; AREAS WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF THE TBILISI-ALYATY RAILWAY (50 KILOMETERS SW OF BAKU). TRAVEL IN TRANSIT ON THE TBILISI-BAKU RAILROAD LINE IS PERMITTED; -KAZAKH SSR: GUR'YEVSKAYA - PAVLODARSKAYA, SEMIPALATIN-

SKAYA, VOSTOCHNO-KAZAKHSTANSKAYA, TALDY-KURGANSKAYA,  
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DZHEZKAZGANSKAYA AND ALMA-ATINSKAYA OBLAST'S EXCLUDING  
THE CITY OF ALMA-ATA; KZYL-ORDYNSKAYA OBLAST (THE AREA  
NE OF THE SYR-DAR'YA RIVER);  
DZAMBULSKAYA OBLAST' - THE AREA EAST OF THE MYNARAL-  
LUGOVOY RAILWAY;  
URAL'SKAYA OBLAST' - THE AREA WEST OF THE URAL RIVER;  
SHEVCHENKO (IN MANGYSHLAKSKAYA OBLAST):  
TRAVEL TO THE CITY OF ALMA-ATA IS PERMITTED IN TRANSIT  
BY RAIL FROM TASHKENT VIA DZHAMBUL, AND BY AIR;  
-KIRGIZSKAYA SSR - THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC EXCLUDING  
FRUNZE AND THE KEMINSKIY, CHUISKIY, KANTSKIY, SOLULSKIY  
AND MOSKOVSKIY RAYONS, AS WELL AS OSHKAYA OBLAST'  
MINUS BATKENSKIY, ALAYSKIY AND SOVIETSKIY RAYONS.  
TRAVEL TO THE CITY OF FRUNZE IS PERMITTED BY AIR AND  
BY RAIL FROM TASHKENT;  
-UZBEKSKAYA SSR: THE TERRITORY AT SURKNANDE'INSKAYA  
OBLAST' WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNS OF DENAU,  
BAYSUM, SHERABAD AND DZHARKURGAN;  
-KARAKLPAKSKAYA ASSR - MUINAKSKIY AND KUNGRADSKIY  
RAYON NE OF THE KUNGRAD-KARAKALPAKIYA RR.  
-TURKMENSKAYA SSR: THE CITY OF KRASNOOVODSK. TRAVELLING  
TO ASHKHABAD, MARY, CHARDZHOU AND TASHANZ IS PERMITTED  
ONLY BY AIR. MATLOCK UNQUOTE VANCE

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